

A3 16. (Amended) A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 7, wherein the holding frame comprises a ceramics-metal complex.

A4 18. (Amended) A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 8, wherein the holding frame comprises a ceramics-metal complex.

A5 20. (Amended) A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 9, wherein the holding frame comprises a ceramics-metal complex.

A6 22. (Amended) A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 10, wherein the holding frame comprises a ceramics-metal complex.

A7 24. (Amended) A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 11, wherein the holding frame comprises a ceramics-metal complex.

A8 26. (Amended) A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 12, wherein the holding frame comprises a ceramics-metal complex.

Please add new claims 27-34 as follows:

A9 --27. A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 1, wherein the thermal expansion coefficient is 6.5 ppm/°C or smaller.

28. A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 2, wherein the thermal expansion coefficient is 6.5 ppm/°C or smaller.

29. A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 7, wherein the thermal expansion coefficient is 6.5 ppm/°C or smaller.

30. A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 8, wherein the thermal expansion coefficient is 6.5 ppm/°C or smaller.

31. A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 9, wherein the thermal expansion coefficient is 6.5 ppm/°C or smaller.

32. A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 10, wherein the thermal expansion coefficient is 6.5 ppm/°C or smaller.

33. A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 11, wherein the thermal expansion coefficient is 6.5 ppm/°C or smaller.

34. A method of supporting a flexible substrate according to claim 12, wherein the thermal expansion coefficient is 6.5 ppm/°C or smaller.--

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